



*I love you,
Lord,
my strength.*
— Ps 18

**NOVEMBER 3, 2024
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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The Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Midtown Manhattan is a parish in the Archdiocese of New York and an urban ministry center staffed by the province of Our Lady of Guadalupe and their partners in ministry.

Inspired by our faith in Jesus Christ, and rooted in the charism of St. Francis of Assisi, we actively WELCOME all people. We WORSHIP God through prayerful and inspiring liturgies, the celebration of the

Welcome  *Witness*
Worship

sacraments, and the devotional life of the Church. We WITNESS to our faith by ministering to everyone, especially those who are poor, alienated or oppressed.

Our Weekly Schedule

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening Vigil Masses

4:00, 5:15 PM

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM, 9:15 AM (Korean), 10:00 AM (en español),
11:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 5:00 PM

Please join us for our Sunday 11:00 AM or 5:00 PM livestreamed Masses. Special events will also be livestreamed.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:00 PM; Saturday 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 9:00 am; 11:00 am - 12:00 pm; 4:30 - 5:30 pm;
Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 am

DEVOTIONS

Monday: Devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother, after all Masses

Tuesday: St. Anthony Devotions, after all Masses

Wednesday: St. Jude Devotions, after all Masses

Thursday: The Sacrament of Anointing, after all Masses

Friday: Devotions in Honor of the Sacred Cross, after all Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (Lower Church)

This week's Bread and Wine: Catherine Puangco

This week's Sanctuary Lights: Catherine Puangco; In Memory of Eduardo Catahan; Poor Souls in Purgatory

Dated Mass and weekly Bread and Wine or Sanctuary Lamp intentions may be reserved at our Hospitality desk in the Francis House where Mass cards are sold.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 2, 2024

11:00 AM Regacho Baltazar and Verde Miranda (D); Eusebia Obsequio (D)
4:00 PM Esther & Jose Medina (D); Gladys Martes (D)

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:00 AM Members Franciscan Mass League; Brian Kenny (D)
9:15 Intentions of the Korean Community
11:00 Carmen Maria Morales (D) & All Deceased; Sung Hee (Sophia) Kim (D)
12:30 PM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; Luis T. Martinez & Juan Torres Villegas (D)
5:00 Sonia Laine (D); Manette - Israel Duverglass (D)

Monday, November 4, 2024

7:30 AM Mallory Durfee; Virgilio R. Vegas and Eloy Sanchez (D)
12:00 PM Esther Medina (D); Ralph & Carmen Marrero (D)
5:30 James Pratap, Angelita & Osmundo Pama (D); Vicencia Brone (D)

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

7:30 AM Hailey Perman; Birthday Kenneth G. Lee
12:00 PM Lillian De Paris (D); Thanksgiving To St. Anthony
5:30 Birthday Cathy Caulfield; Rudy Winter (D)

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

7:30 AM Taylor Perman
12:00 PM M Joseph Francis Schneider (D); Fausto Bautista Family Members Living and Deceased
5:30 Doris E. Landre (D); Julie Mullane (D)

Thursday, November 7, 2024

7:30 AM Jean Gerard Levistas (D); Healing Edgardo Bautista
12:00 PM Justiniano Crudo (D); Jacinta & Heidi Caro (D)
5:30 M Liuva Mercader (D); John Mullane

Friday, November 8, 2024

7:30 AM Brenda Fay (D)
12:00 PM Virginia Kleen (D); William Joseph Cole & Deceased Family Members
5:30 George & Leonora Urban (D); Margaret & Dennis Sullivan (D)

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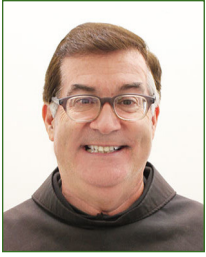
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The Pastor's Corner



Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings! Two short points before my weekly reflection:

First, thank you all who persevered through difficult circumstances while getting to church last Sunday morning. My apologies to all who could not make it through due to the limits imposed on Access-A-Rides and Uber transport. We have a right to worship.

Second, my apologies for those who could not participate on last Sunday's live-streaming Masses due to technical difficulties.

Weekly Reflection

We changed the clocks this Sunday November 3. Time has changed. Our God is a God of time. Not by the measure of time ("chronos" in Greek means the measure of time). Rather our God of "kairos," the beauty and meaning of time. Today's NYC Marathon serves as a metaphor for love of God and love of neighbor. There will be 50,000 runners from all over the world competing in this race. As a former marathoner (61 overall completed, 21 NYC), I truly believe all runners and spectators really help each other with "good neighbor" support. We are all born in the image and likeness of God.

In the passage from the Book of Deuteronomy, emphasis is put on the love of God "with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength." The Hebrew word "shema" means "hear," but its central verb means "love." The "Shema" is the cornerstone of Jewish worship. It is also the center of the Book of Deuteronomy.

In today's Gospel passage from Mark, it adds another commandment besides love of God: "The second is this: you shall love your neighbor as yourself." These two commandments embody our Judeo-Christian tradition. These two commandments appear to be very easy to follow. However, complications within the human condition often challenge how we love God, and may cause tension on how we love our neighbor.

Life is like a marathon. We have a beginning and we have an end. We also have a new beginning with the gift of eternal life. It would be ideal for our society if we truly love our God and truly love our neighbor at the same time. Keep pace with God's grace and smile every mile!

Blessings to all,

Father Brian

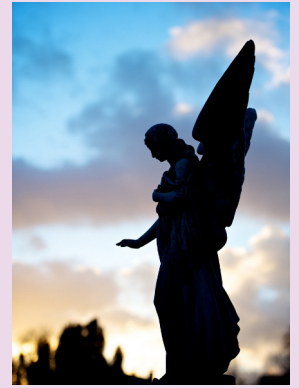
ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

In addition to our November 2nd All Souls Mass, we will also have our annual All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30 PM.

St. Francis of Assisi is a church community of people from all over the world. Whether we come from other countries or other parts of the United States, many of us are in New York far from family and friends. Often we face the reality of grieving for lost loved ones from afar.

So on Wednesday, November 13th, we will gather to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have gone before us to live in the light of the Lord. You, your family and friends are invited to join us either live or virtually for our annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died.

You can submit the names of those you would like remembered at this Mass at stfrancisnyc.org/allsouls. All names will be placed in the sanctuary. You can also bring or submit a photo or memento of someone you have lost, which will be placed in the sanctuary during the Mass.



Church of St. Francis of Assisi Worker's Chapel

Dedication Wednesday November 13



Please join us Wednesday, November 13th at 12pm for a special dedication Mass for our Workers Chapel.

City and state labor leaders and elected officials will be among our special guests, including:

- Gary LaBarbera, President of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York and of the New York State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Vincent Alvarez, President, New York City Central Labor Council
- Governor Kathy Hochul
- New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli
- Other elected officials to be announced



Welcome to Creation Corner

Each week we'll bring you news and information from the Laudato Si Circle here at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi. We hope that it will interest, inform, and inspire you.

In commemoration of All Souls, let us pray for our environmental martyrs, the many brave souls who lost their lives in speaking up and protesting social and environmental injustice in their communities, sometimes at the hands of their own governments.

Let's also remember the many species we've lost, especially the Bramble Cay melomys, the first mammal to go extinct as a result of rising sea levels, and the Golden Toad, which relied on the right amount of rain in order to reproduce.

"To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope." — *Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan 2000*

If you have something you'd like to share or if you'd like more information about the Circle, please email us at stfrancislaudatosi@gmail.com

The next Laudato Si meeting will be Thursday, November 21 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the 1st Floor Conference Room of the St. Francis House. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE — WINTER PARISH RETREAT

Our Adult Education with the support of Converge Ministry will be holding our Wappingers Falls winter retreat January 31-February 2, 2025. The retreat is open to all church ministers, volunteers, parishioners and friends.

Joseph Nuzzi, our former Director of Evangelization, will be joining us as retreat master. More information will be coming soon, including registration details and costs. Mark your calendars!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Advent is coming soon! Find out more about our Advent events, including Soup and Scripture, Carols with the Choir, the full Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass schedule, and more at stfrancisnyc.org/advent-and-christmas



FRIENDSGIVING AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Friendsgiving at St. Francis is a time for us to gather with our church family to give thanks to God for our many blessings and share a holiday meal together. Everyone is welcome to join!

Our Friendsgiving is a classic pot-luck dinner where everyone brings something to share. It is hosted by the LGBT+ and Converge Ministries, who will provide the Turkey and the Ham. We ask everyone coming to sign up to bring either a side dish or dessert to share (for approximately 8-10 people).

If life is busy or you aren't adept around the kitchen, don't let that stop you from joining us. When you register, you can contribute \$25 towards the turkey and ham instead. This is also a BYOB event... feel free to bring your beverage of choice!

Pre-Registration is required for this event. You can register at stfrancisnyc.org/friendsgiving2024 Registration closes on Monday, NOVEMBER 11th at 11:00 PM. Due to the nature of the event, we cannot accept walk-ins.

Friendsgiving at St. Francis of Assisi will be held Sunday, November 17 from 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM in San Damiano Hall. Join us!